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CIA SITREP
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HW MIDDLE EAST SITREP NO. 63 FOR 1130, 21 OCTOBER 1973
THE MILITARY SITUATION
GENERAL
1. HEAVY FIGHTING IS AGAIN REPORTED TO BE UNDER WAY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SUEZ CANAL THIS MORNING, BUT DETAILS ARE LACKING. MILITARY COMMUNIQUES ISSUED BY CAIRO AND TEL AVIV HAVE BEEN TERSE, SUGGESTING THAT BOTH SIDES MAY BE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES. TEL AVIV NOW DESCRIBES ITS MOBILE BRIGADES ON THE WEST BANK AS A "SIGNIFICANT FORCE" THAT IS CONTINUING TO MANEUVER SUCCESSFULLY BEHIND EGYPTIAN LINES. IT ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A "WIDE CORRIDOR" BETWEEN ISMAILIA AND GREAT BITTER LAKE WHERE THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE CAN OPERATE WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING WITHIN RANGE OF EGYPTIAN SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES. ISRAELI AIRCRAFT WERE CONDUCTING HEAVY AIR STRIKES THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH OF THE CANAL THIS MORNING.

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2. [redacted] DAMASCUS THAT ITS FORCES ATTACKED ISRAELI POSITIONS IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE SYRIAN FRONT THIS MORNING. THE ATTACK APPEARS TO BE LOCAL IN NATURE, HOWEVER, AND SYRIAN FORCES DO NOT AT THIS TIME APPEAR CAPABLE OF MOUNTING A MAJOR COUNTEROFFENSIVE. [redacted]

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EGYPTIAN FRONT

3, HEAVY AIR AND GROUND ACTIVITY CONTINUES ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE SUEZ CANAL. THE AREA OF HEAVIEST FIGHTING APPEARS TO BE IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE CANAL WHERE THE ISRAELIS HAVE MAINTAINED A BRIDGEHEAD ON THE WEST BANK SINCE LAST WEEK. OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUES FROM TEL AVIV GENERALLY HAVE BEEN UNINFORMATIVE ON FIGHTING IN THIS AREA, BUT ONE ISSUED THIS MORNING CLAIMS THAT ISRAELI FORCES ARE CONTINUING TO DESTROY EGYPTIAN POSITIONS AND SAM SITES. A MILITARY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO TODAY CLAIMS THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES ARE MOUNTING SUCCESSFUL COUNTERATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELI FORCES IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR.

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4, AS OF MID-MORNING, THE ISRAELIS HAD FLOWN ABOUT 190 SORTIES ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT. THEY APPEAR TO BE CONCENTRATING THEIR ATTACKS ON MAJOR ROADWAYS AND MISSILE INSTALLATIONS. AIR STRIKES WERE ALSO NOTED NEAR WADI AL JANDALI AIRFIELD EAST OF CAIRO. ONE ISRAELI AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE BEEN LOST DURING THIS ATTACK. 25X1

5, TEL AVIV ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE DOWNED FIVE EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT IN AN ENGAGEMENT EARLY THIS MORNING. ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS STATE THAT MORE THAN 10 EGYPTIAN SA-2 AND SA-3 SITES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR CAPTURED SINCE ISRAELI TROOPS CROSSED THE CANAL. //ACCORDING TO ISRAELI MILITARY OFFICIALS, ISRAELI FORCES HAVE ORDERS TO CAPTURE INTACT, IF POSSIBLE, ALL EGYPTIAN SA-6 MISSILES.//

6, A LIBYAN MISSILE PATROL BOAT ARRIVED IN ALEXANDRIA THIS MORNING. LIBYA'S ROLE IN THE WAR, HOWEVER, REMAINS LIMITED. 25X1

SYRIAN FRONT

7, ACTION ON THE SYRIAN FRONT REMAINS LIGHT

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WITH SYRIAN FORCES CONTINUING TO LAUNCH SMALL COUNTERATTACKS. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] SYRIAN GROUND AND AIR FORCES ATTACKED ISRAELI POSITIONS IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE SYRIAN FRONT THIS MORNING. 25X1
AT LEAST TWO ISRAELI TANKS WERE DESTROYED NORTHWEST OF TELL EGH CHARR. ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN ISRAELI TANKS AND SYRIAN ARTILLERY ALSO REPORTEDLY OCCURRED TO THE NORTH OF TELL AANTAR. THIS AFTERNOON, ISRAELI AIRCRAFT WERE BEING CALLED IN TO SUPPORT ISRAELI GROUND UNITS IN THE AREA. [redacted] 25X1

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9. THE SOVIETS NOTIFIED TURKEY ON 15 OCTOBER THAT THERE WOULD BE 30 OVERFLIGHTS OF TURKISH TERRITORY BEGINNING ON 17 OCTOBER, OSTENSIBLY FOR CARRYING "TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT." THREE SOVIET AN-12S PASSED OVER TURKEY EN ROUTE TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON 18 OCTOBER--THE FIRST CONFIRMED OVERFLIGHTS OF TURKEY SINCE THE AIRLIFT BEGAN--AND POSSIBLY SEVEN ADDITIONAL OVERFLIGHTS HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN. [redacted]

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SOVIET POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

10. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE SOVIET PRESS AND UNUSUALLY PROMPT TELEVISION COVERAGE ON

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NEWS PROGRAMS LAST NIGHT, PRAVDA REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT DR. KISSINGER CONFERRED WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV, FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, AND AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN ON 20 OCTOBER. BREZHNEV WAS ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER, ALEXANDROV, AND BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DESK CHIEF FOR THE US, KORNIYENKO. PREMIER KOSYGIN, WHO RETURNED FROM CAIRO ON 19 OCTOBER, APPARENTLY DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE TALKS. SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF US MILITARY SUPPORT TO ISRAEL HAS DECLINED SINCE DR. KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL, POSSIBLY IN DEFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY'S PRESENCE IN THE USSR.

11. SOVIET AUDIENCES ARE ALSO BEING TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT ISRAELI FORCES ON THE WEST BANK OF THE SUEZ CANAL HAVE BEEN MAKING PROGRESS. PRAVDA TOOK THE LINE THIS MORNING THAT THE ARAB CAUSE ALREADY HAS ACHIEVED A DEGREE OF SUCCESS AND THAT ARAB FORCES HAVE SHOWN A HIGH FIGHTING SPIRIT IN AN EFFORT TO REGAIN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO STATING PUBLICLY THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARABS IS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS ON SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE. ALL OF THIS MAY BE MOSCOW'S WAY OF SAYING THAT IT IS TIME FOR THE FIGHTING TO END.

KUWAIT CUTS OIL TO US

12. //KUWAIT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL END SHIPMENTS OF CRUDE OIL TO THE US AND WILL REDUCE ITS TOTAL PRODUCTION BY 10 PERCENT. IN ADDITION, KUWAIT WILL FURTHER REDUCE ITS OVERALL PRODUCTION BY 5 PERCENT PER MONTH BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER. THE US IMPORTS APPROXIMATELY 150,000 BARRELS PER DAY--SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF US CONSUMPTION--FROM KUWAIT.//

IRAQ CALLS FOR NATIONALIZATION OF US FIRMS

13. IRAQ'S STATE RADIO TODAY CALLED FOR A TOTAL NATIONALIZATION OF US COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE ARAB WORLD, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM BEIRUT. THE IRAQI COMMENTARY DESCRIBED THE HALTING OF OIL EXPORTS TO THE US AS ONLY THY BARE MINIMUM THAT ARABS CAN DO.

ISRAEL INTERNAL

14. SOURCES OF THE US EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV HAVE BEEN REPORTING THAT MOSHE DAYAN'S POLITICAL FUTURE MAY BE IN SOME JEOPARDY, AS HE IS BEING BLAMED BY MANY FOR SUPPOSEDLY FAULTY MILITARY DOCTRINE IN THE PERIOD SINCE THE 1967 WAR. THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT HIS CRITICISM YESTERDAY OF US RESTRAINT IN SUPPLY-

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ING ARMS BEFORE THE PRESENT WAR SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THIS LIGHT.

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15. AS THE WAR ENTERS ITS THIRD WEEK, ISRAEL'S DOMESTIC SITUATION MAINTAINS THE APPEARANCE OF RELATIVE NORMALITY. THE ECONOMY, ALTHOUGH STRAINED, IS MEETING ALL ESSENTIAL NEEDS. IN AN EFFORT TO EASE THE FINANCIAL STRAIN OF THE WAR ON INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES, THE NATIONAL INSURANCE INSTITUTE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL MAKE SPECIAL BIMONTHLY PAYMENTS TO LARGE FAMILIES WHOSE HEADS HAVE BEEN CALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE. ALL CIVIL SERVANTS ON ACTIVE DUTY WILL RECEIVE THEIR FULL SALARY FOR OCTOBER.

16. THE EDUCATION MINISTRY, IN A MOVE THAT DEMONSTRATES GOVERNMENT CONFIDENCE IN THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR EFFORT, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST NOW ATTEND CLASSES, EVEN IF THEY HAVE UNTIL NOW BEEN ENGAGED IN WARTIME ACTIVITIES. ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE OPERATING NORMALLY.

17. ISRAELI SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED US OFFICIALS THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION REMAINS CALM IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - ISRAEL

18. BANGUI TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS BROKEN OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, MAKING IT THE SEVENTH AFRICAN CAPITAL TO TAKE SUCH ACTION SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. [redacted] 25X1
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